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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL ON CONVICTION OF 3 PUERTO RICAN PRISONERS

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THE PRESTIGIOUS MORNING DAILY, LISTIN DIARIO, OF AUGUST 1 CARRIED AN EDITORIAL CRITIZING THE SEVERITY OF THE SENTENCE GIVEN TO THE 3 PUERTO RICANS ACCUSED OF TRANSPORTING DOMINICAN GUERRILLAS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE EDITORIAL IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST BECAUSE LISTIN HAS REPORTED THE CASE OBJECTIVELY, IN CONTRAST TO THE AFTER-NOON DAILIES IN SANTO DOMINGO WHO HAVE ALL ALONG HAVE BEEN SKEPTICAL OF THE GOVT CASE. A TRANSLATION OF THE EDITORIAL FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

A REGRETTABLE SENTENCE

A MEMORANDUM OF NOTES, WHOSE AUTHENTICITY WAS NOT DENIED BY THE ACCUSED, SHOWS THAT TOGETHER WITH THE 3 PUERTO RICANS ACCUSED OF A CLANDESTINE LANDING ON THE DOMINICAN COAST THERE WAS AT LEAST A FOURTH PERSON IN THE BOAT AND THAT THE LATTER IDENTIFIED FROM THE SEA SMOKE FROM THE CIMNEY OF THE BOCA CHICA REFINERY. IT APPEARS THAT THE ACCUSED PERSONS--AND THE FOURTH ONE--DID NOT COME ON A TOURIST TRIP NOR DID THEY ARRIVE BY CHANCE ON DOMINICAN TERRITORY. BUT THE SENTENCE WHICH CONDEMNED THEM TO 30 YEARS OF PRISON "FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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MAKING ATTEMPT AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE DOMINICAN STATE" IS

EXCESSIVE, VERY EXCESSIVE. IT IS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE ALLEGATION--  
WHICH MAY BE TRUE--THAT A SIMILAR "TRIP" TO CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES  
MIGHT HAVE BROUGHT PUNISHMENT OF GREATER SEVERITY TO THE ACCUSED.  
THE DOMINICAN GOVT IS THE TARGET OF A BRUTAL CAMPAIGN OF INSULTS BY  
PARTY COLLEAGUES AND RELATED GROUPS OF PUERTO RICO. NO GOVT SHOULD  
GIVE IN TO THIS TYPE OF PRESSURE. THE BOYCOTT EFFORTS AGAINST OUR  
COUNTRY HAVE BEEN IGNORED BY THE GREAT MAJORITY OF PUERTO RICANS  
WHO ARE VISITING OUR COUNTRY IN INCREASING NUMBERS. OUR PUERTO  
RICAN BROTHERS PROBABLY KNOW WHAT THE SCORE IS WITH RESPECT TO THE  
PROMOTERS OF SUCH A CAMPAIGN. BUT SUCH A SEVERE PENALTY IS UNJUST  
FOR PERSONS AGAINST WHOM IT CAN BE ESTABLISHED OR DEDUCED THAT THEY  
CAME DELIBERATELY AND CLANDESTINELY TO OUR COUNTRY. AND AGAINST  
WHOM THERE MAY BE STRONG SUSPICIONS OF HAVING BROUGHT PERSONS WITH  
THE PURPOSE AFFECTING PUBLIC ORDER. BUT PROBABLY THESE STRONG  
SUSPICIONS OR INDICATIONS DO NOT CONSTITUTE AUTHENTIC PROOF FOR  
A TRIBUNAL. THIS IS INDEPENDENT OF THE VERY GENERALIZED CONVICTION  
IN THE PUBLIC SPIRIT OF DOMINICANS AND PUERTO RICANS THAT THERE WAS AN

INFILTRATION. THE COUNTRY AND THE GOVT SHOULD RESIST THE CAMPAIGNS  
OF DISCREDIT THAT ARE NOW IN PROGRESS. BUT THE VERY SEVERE SENTENCE  
WHICH IS CLOSE TO INJUSTICE WILL ONLY SERVE TO ACCELERATE THE DE-  
PORTATION OF THESE ACCUSED. TO FACILITATE THE ALLEGATIONS OF  
IMPUDENT SPOKESMEN OF PUERTO RICAN EXTREMISM THAT THEY ARE GETTING  
THE DOMINICAN GOVT TO YIELD. A REGRETTABLE SENTENCE. END QUOTE  
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